Blackmarketing in sale of Cinema Tickets

308. Sri P.F.D' MELLOW (Nominated).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government is aware of the mounting complaints of the public concerning the high-handed behaviour of the managements of certain cinemas in Bangalore, especially in the Civil area, where black-marketing in admission tickets is openly practised, especially in the higher seats ;

(*b*) whether Government is aware that one of the chief contributory causes for this malpractice is the refusal of certain managements to provide for advanced booking and sale of tickets thereby obliging patrons to pay higher rates, rather than waste considerable time in queues ;

(*c*) will Government indicate what are the regulations on the subject and give a list of cinemas in Bangalore which allow advanced booking and those which do not, with reasons as to the different procedure ?

(*d*) is Government aware that much of the present congestion found on footpaths, especially during hours before cinema shows could be eliminated, and the general public put to less inconvenience, if all cinemas are obliged to introduce arrangements for advanced booking ?

A—Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There are no specific rules regulating sale of tickets including provision for advance booking. A few cinema houses make advance booking depending upon the pictures to be exhibited to avoid last minute rush.

(*d*) Yes. The District Magistrate will be asked to look into and take appropriate action.

Sri P.F. D'MELLOW.—Supplementary to (*c*). Is the Government aware that perhaps because of this lacuna there is this malpractice of certain cinemas selling tickets without stamps thereby depriving the State of the revenue ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, necessary rules are to be framed and they are under consideration.

ಶ್ರೀ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ್.—ಬ್ಲ್ಯಾಕ್ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಟಿಕೆಟ್ಸ್ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಚಲನಚಿತ್ರ ಮಾಲೀಕರೇ ಮಾರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—I have already answered this question. Whether it is the owner of the theatre or not, Government is not aware of such things.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ಧಯ್ಯ ಕಾಶೀಮಠ.—ಚಲನ ಚಿತ್ರ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶನಕ್ಕೆ ಟಿಕೆಟ್ಸ್ ಅಡ್ವಾನ್ಸ್ ಬುಕಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡುವುದರಿಂದ ಬ್ಲ್ಯಾಕ್ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಡ್ವಾನ್ಸ್ ಬುಕಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟಿಕೆಟ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೆಸರು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಅಡ್ವಾನ್ಸ್ ಬುಕಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟಿಕೆಟ್ಟುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೆಸರು ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಆದೇಶ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, when Government is not aware of any blackmarketing, I cannot understand why this question is put in this form. Any way, if such malpractice is likely to occur, necessary action would be taken.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Supplementary to (a). Is it because the hon'ble Minister does not attend the pictures and has never purchased a ticket by standing in the queue or is it because he only goes to the Dress Circle or the Balcony ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, it requires no answer.

ಶ್ರೀ ಅಜ್ಜೀಜ್ ಸೇಠ್.—(ಡಿ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ 'yes' ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಸಾಧಾರಣವಾಗಿ ಎಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿನೇಮಾ ಕುಸ್ತಿ ಇರುತ್ತದೋ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಬಂದೋಬಸ್ತು ಇಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಷ್ಟು ದುಡ್ಡು ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಬಂದೋಬಸ್ತು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಎಲ್ಲೆ ಗಲಾಟೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿರಾ ಅಂಡ್ ಆರ್ಡರ್ ಮೆಂಟೇನ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಟ್ರಾಫಿಕ್ ಕಂಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಇದು ಪೋಲೀಸರ ಡ್ಯೂಟಿ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Sir, it is already an established practice that the traffic arrangements are being made and they will be on their duty. There is no necessity of any further arrangements. Whenever a good picture or quality picture is to be exhibited, it is considered thatt raffic would be more and on such occasions additional force will be placed.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಂ. ತಮ್ಮಯ್ಯ.—ಸ್ಪೆಸಿಫಿಕ್‌ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಏನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ ಅಂದರೆ, ಶ್ರೀ ಪೂನ್ ವಾಟಾಳ್ ನಾಗರಾಜ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಏನು ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಿ ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—It does not arise.

Sri P. F. D'MELLO.—Sir, Government is pleased to say that it is not officially aware that there is blackmarketing. Will Government be pleased to accept the statement made here on the floor of the House and ask the District Magistrate to look into the matter ?

Sri R. M. PATIL.—Certainly I will convey this to the District Magistrates who are in charge of this and any way, I will communicate to the concerned authorities to examine this in detail and if necessary, further framing of rules will be invited.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ನಾಗಪ್ಪ.—ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಬಂದೋಬಸ್ತಿಗೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ ಜನರಿಂದಲೇ ಈ ಟಿಕೆಟ್ಟುಗಳ ಬ್ಲ್ಯಾಕ್ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟಿಂಗ್ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೇ? ಅಂಥಾದ್ದು ಗೊತ್ತಾದರೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

Sri R. M. PATILW.—Sir, these are too miaginative. My friend is imagining unnecessarily unnecessary things.